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## NATIONAL EGG REVIEW



At the beginning of the week prices were unchanged in New York but were lower for all sizes in all other reported areas. During the week all reported prices have been unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was light to at times fairly good, usually moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for large and adequate to close for the balance of the sizes. All breaking stock prices were unchanged. The demand was mostly fair for the light to moderate offerings. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was steady to instances fully steady. Removal costs for light type hens were unchanged. Offerings were heavy and reported as ample with demand fairly good into rendering operations as producers seek alternative sources for the removal of spent fowl. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was steady. Removal prices were 0-8.5 cents, mostly 5.5-8.5 cents per head.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Cartoned egg sales were light to moderate. Food service movement was mostly light. Supplies were fully adequate to available. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was mostly fair for the light to moderate offerings. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady to instances fully steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	36-46	37-43
LARGE	35-45	36-39
MEDIUM	22-32	24-27
MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV, Western NY, and Western PA		

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail and distributive demand was light to mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate on large, but closely balanced for extra large and medium eggs. Breaking stock supplies were adequate for the light to moderate demand. Spent hens were at least fully adequate for slaughter requirements.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	45-62	48-50
LARGE	39-53	44-48
MEDIUM	26-39	31-33
NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT		

**COMBINED REGIONAL** Apr 1, 2005  
Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	51.50	50.00	33.50
SOUTHEAST	50.50	48.50	33.00
MIDWEST	42.00	39.50	26.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	54.50	50.50	32.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	49.84	47.25	31.38

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN			
	04-05-05	03-29-05	04-06-04
Large	18-27	20-29	70-77
Medium	6-11	6-12	52-56

## WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- April 04, 2005

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO		SO		SO		5-Area
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	10.7	15.2	7.9	13.3	11.6	58.7	
	Change	-3.4	-0.3	0.3	2.2	-3.4	-7%	
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	20.3	41.4	8.0	26.3	35.6	131.6	
	Change	-0.7	8.2	0.3	5.5	6.1	17%	
Large	Curr Wk	63.7	118.0	45.6	96.7	84.3	408.3	
	Change	-5.1	34.3	2.9	11.5	12.1	16%	
Medium	Curr Wk	10.4	53.5	15.3	18.6	28.4	126.2	
	Change	-0.8	12.3	2.2	-5.0	-1.4	6%	
Small	Curr Wk	6.9	10.9	3.2	4.6	4.1	29.7	
	Change	1.5	3.7	1.0	-0.5	1.0	29%	
Misc	Curr Wk	4.4	25.5	9.4	12.2	6.0	57.5	
	Change	-1.1	0.6	-3.1	-2.6	-1.2	-11%	
Ungraded	Curr Wk	8.0	35.0	20.4	23.0	30.1	116.5	
	Change	-0.4	-2.7	4.0	-3.0	5.9	3%	
Total	Curr Wk	124.4	299.5	109.8	194.7	200.1	928.5	
	Percent Change	-7%	23%	7%	4%	11%	10%	

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	928.5	10%	173
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	244.0	0%	35
Total Shell Egg	1172.5	7%	208

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 173 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

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Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT  
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI  
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX  
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV  
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 02-APR-05**(LBS IN THOUSANDS)  
(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,356,492	30,897	14,034	7,734	3,140	4,622
PW	1,278,298	29,793	12,772	7,075	2,919	4,355
LY	1,197,986	29,072	10,845	5,875	2,283	4,178
% CHG PWK	6	4	10	9	8	6
% CHG LY	13	6	29	32	38	11
2005	16,316,255	389,387	159,271	85,462	36,409	57,146
2004	15,143,237	360,702	144,290	80,416	33,061	53,178
% CHG YTD	8	8	10	6	10	7

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	42.23	42.24	41.71
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.82	38.83	38.22

**BROILER HATCHERY**

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	MAR 26	APR 2	MAR 26	APR 2
	Thousand			
AL	30,671	30,740	21,502	21,408
AR	30,173	30,537	*24,483	25,665
DE	*3,809	3,943	*5,408	4,962
FL	1,359	1,356	1,545	1,560
GA	32,855	31,702	*27,635	27,362
KY	*6,876	7,257	*6,064	6,058
LA	4,133	4,165	4,227	3,834
MD	*8,858	8,566	*5,529	5,763
MS	19,665	19,539	*17,543	17,641
NC	18,844	18,628	15,337	15,148
OK	*6,810	6,187	5,127	5,163
PA	*3,987	4,063	*3,113	3,182
SC	5,275	5,196	3,753	4,232
TX	*15,108	15,403	*12,891	12,885
VA	6,749	6,678	5,442	5,498
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*18,295	18,228	*17,239	16,538
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19 State Total	*213,467	212,188	*176,838	176,899
Previous Year Total	211,188	211,621	172,347	173,152
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	100	103	102

\* Revised

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING** Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 14-May-05 is estimated at 162.8 million head. This compares to 162.1 million head the previous week and to 162.6 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 160.4 million head and the composite weighted average price was 78.12 cents per pound.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES  
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 03/31/05-04/06/05

CLASS	CURRENT LDS 85.50		FUTURE LDS 76.50		TOTAL LDS 162.00	
	SE	NE	MW			
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST
GNR W 1	24.00	25.00	25.75	27.00	24.60	26.00
GNR W 4	—	13.00	—	—	11.00	—
GNR BR 1	—	33.00	—	43.00	—	—
GL W J	—	—	48.00	49.00	37.38	—
GL W XL	—	37.00	37.50	38.49	33.51	—
GL W LG	—	—	33.00	34.00	28.50	32.00
GL W MD	25.00	21.75	23.68	24.06	19.61	21.42
GL W SM	25.00	28.00	23.00	25.00	24.00	26.00
NRBS - 48	—	22.00	23.25	25.35	22.56	23.67
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	—

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 02-APR-2005**

SELECTED	CW	PW	PCT CHG	
CONSUMING CENTERS	THOUSANDS		PW	LY
Atlanta	26.3	39.1	-33	-16
Boston	3.1	3.2	-3	-6
Chicago	64.2	102.0	-37	-19
Detroit	20.1	38.2	-47	-50
Kansas City	3.1	5.7	-46	-75
Los Angeles	104.5	135.9	-23	18
New Orleans	6.1	8.7	-30	-30
New York	28.2	35.7	-21	-6
St. Louis	15.7	17.2	-9	-32
San Francisco	19.2	29.6	-35	-13
Total	290.5	415.3	-30	-14
4 Week Moving Avg.	349.4			

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 02-APR-05**

TOTAL	YOUNG		YOUNG OLD	
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	
	THOUSANDS			
Head	1,660	2,516	5	5
Avg Wt	16.37	37.70	28.06	43.08
Last week	1,468	2,502	15	6
Same wk yr ago	1,735	2,599	61	7
Avg Wt	15.42	36.69	23.72	27.14
To-date/2005	19,960	32,555	314	47
To-date/2004	22,087	32,223	588	104

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**

Week ending 02-APR-05

(Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)

—YOUNG TURKEYS—			OLD		TOTAL TURKEYS	
THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG	BANDED		AVG	
HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	THOUSAND	HEAD	LIVE WT	
North East	741	2	24.83	(A)	742	24.83
South Atlantic	635	9	30.88	(A)	636	30.88
North Central	1,964	0	33.21	(A)	1,965	33.21
South Central	503	20	20.83	(A)	504	20.83
West	338	17	24.84	(A)	339	24.84
U.S. total	4,181(B)	5	29.24	5	4,186	29.24
To-date						
2005	52,829(B)			47	52,876	
To-date						
2004	54,898(B)			104	55,002	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 5,000; for the current year to date 314,000; for last year to date 588,000.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION** (Preliminary)

W/E 02-Apr-2005	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	155,010	1,671	1,421	3,092	500
Avg Wt	5.17	3.34	8.07	5.51	6.41
Last week	151,161	1,711	1,356	3,067	503
Same wk yr ago	152,052	1,234	1,172	2,406	507
Avg Wt	5.19	3.42	8.22	5.76	6.28
To-date/2005	2,032,200	19,302	17,098	36,400	6,602
To-date/2004	1,994,439	16,508	16,378	32,886	6,019

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 165.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 156.9 million head, or 8.5 million less than estimated available.

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 09-Apr-05

	Current Week 04/09/05(1)	Previous Week 04/02/05
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
CLASS		
Broiler/fryer	161,774(2)	164,514
Light hens	1,772	1,665
Heavy hens	1,316	1,427
Total	164,862	167,606

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 09-Apr-05 is 166.0 million head compared to 152.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 162.1 million head or 3.9 million less than estimated available. For the week of 16-Apr-05 the estimated available is 166.2 million head.

**ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/  
FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
February 26	158.3	163.4	97%	5.28
March 5	162.0	163.0	99%	5.24
12	159.5	161.9	99%	5.16
19	159.2	162.0	98%	5.20
26	153.0	164.0	93%	5.19
April 2	156.9	165.4	95%	5.17
Year to date	2056.8	2104.7	98%	
April 9		166.0		
16		166.2		

**FINAL BROILER/FRYER** Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 04-APR-2005 (cents per lb)

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS	
Chicago	67.00-70.00	70.15	41	71.29	74	
Los Angeles	80.00	79.37	63	77.67	138	
New York	72.00-74.00	72.65	23	73.06	46	

**COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS**

	Change from			
04-APR-2005	28-MAR-2005	28-MAR-2005	05-APR-2004	
73.75	.10	73.65	76.95	
NUMBER OF LOADS	585			

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS,** FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/	WTD	LBS
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>	<b>OFFERS</b>	<b>SALES</b>
EASTERN REGION 3/	63-66	63
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-65	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65-66	-

**16-24 LB TOMS**

EASTERN REGION	62-64	62	62.00	200
CENTRAL REGION	62-64	64	64.00	18
WESTERN REGION	63-65	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

**COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -** Selected Centers (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

		Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Processed other Poultry/LBS
AM	04/04/05	3,450	101,666	49,856
AM	03/01/05	3,601	88,108	41,709
CHG		-151	13558	8147
PCT CHG		-4%	15%	20%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of February 28, 2005 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on April 1, 2005 are:

FROZEN EGGS	17 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
TURKEYS	446 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
POULTRY	753 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

**HEN MARKETS**

**HEAVY TYPE** Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 04-APR-05

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
Southeast (1)	8.25-15.5 CENTS/LB.	11.5-13	12.52
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	8-15.25 CENTS/LB.	11-12.75	12.08

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

**LIGHT TYPE** Cents per Head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

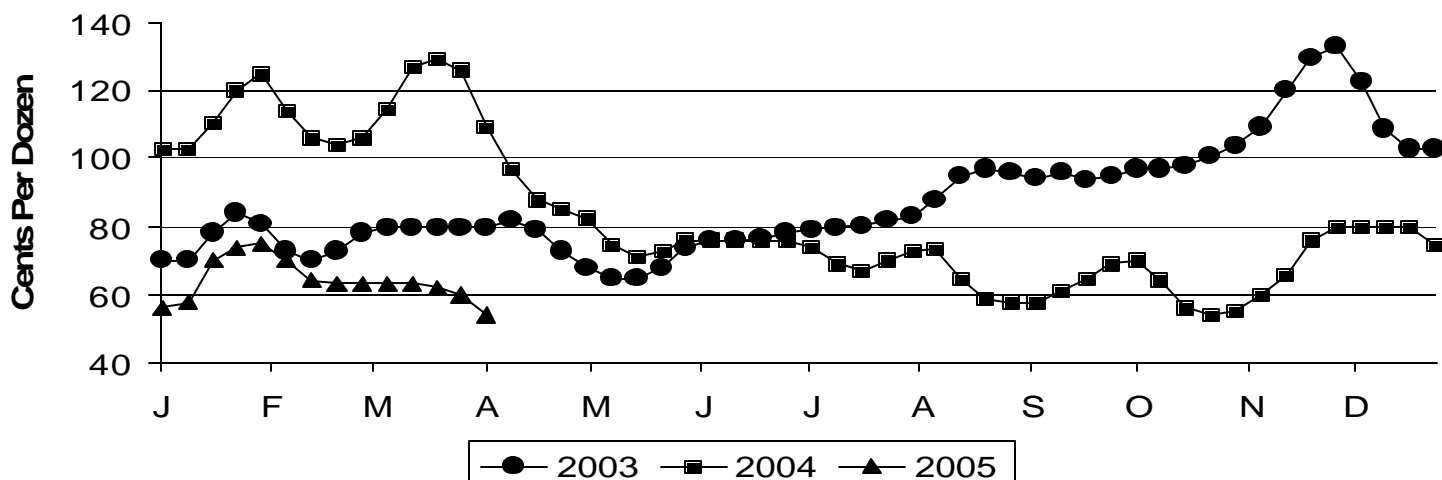
01-APR-05	REMOVAL COST
REGIONS	RANGE
Eastern	3-13
South Central	Too Few To Report
North Central	0-8.5

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT** (Receipts From Producers)

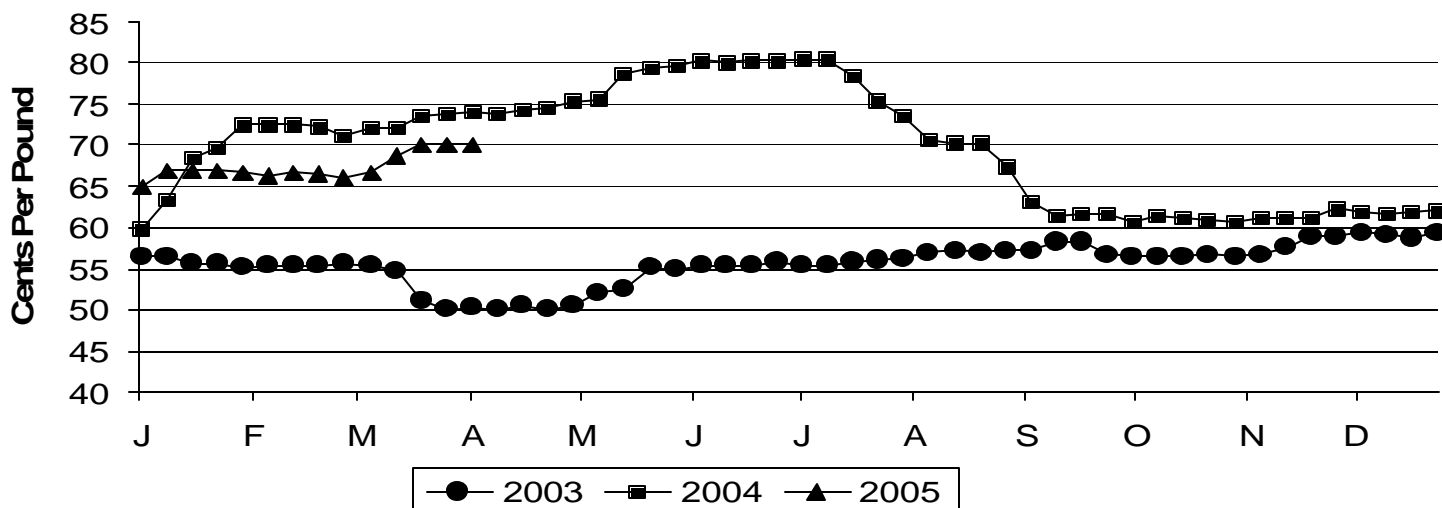
W/E 02-Apr-2005	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW LY
North Atlantic	252.5	1 1
East North Central	601.4	-4 7
West North Central	289.2	-2 -6
South Atlantic	210.2	-4 -7
South Central	61.5	-13 -12
West	207.6	-18 9
Total	1622.4	-5 1
Matched Plants reporting		Previous week 86
		Last year 85

Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE)  
East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)  
South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)  
West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

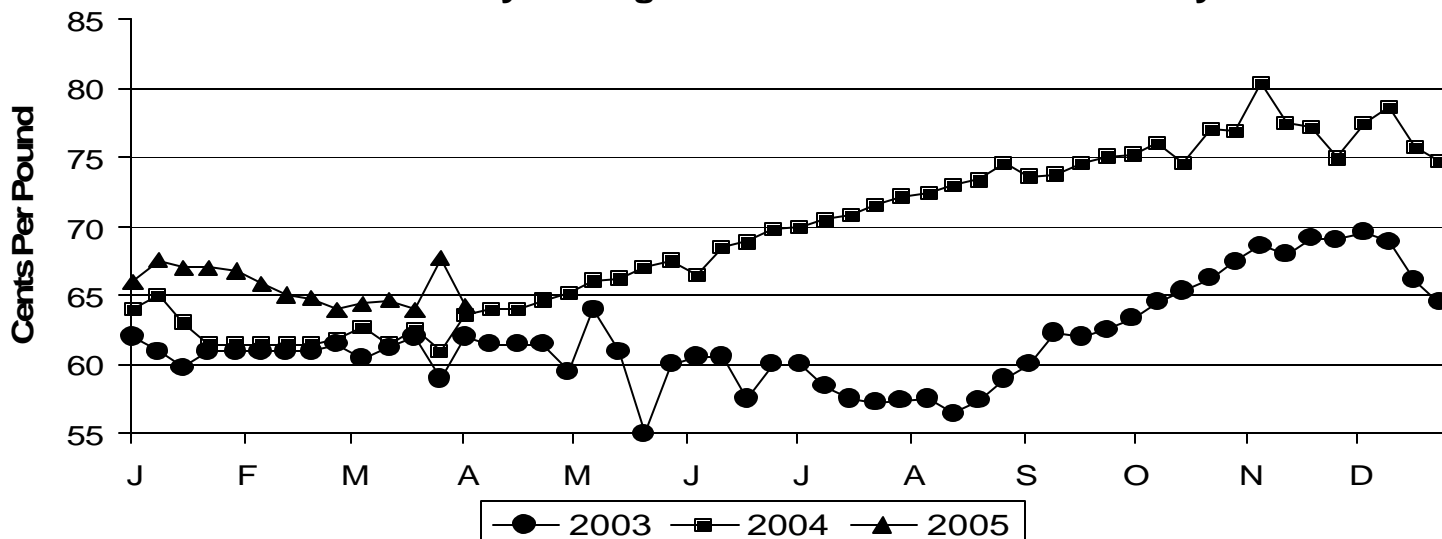
### New York Large Weekly Average Price



### Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices



### Eastern Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys



Note: Some Weeks' Average Prices are Based on Offers Only

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